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REMARKS

In response to the Examiner's Election of Species requirement, Applicants hereby elect the species of the First Embodiment (Figures 1-6) on which at least claims 1-6 are readable, without traverse. Applicants reserve the opportunity to file Divisional Applications for the non-elected species later.

Further, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's acknowledgment of the priority document filed on November 7, 2001.

Early, favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

A conditional petition is made for any extension of time which may become necessary. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees for such extension and to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,



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